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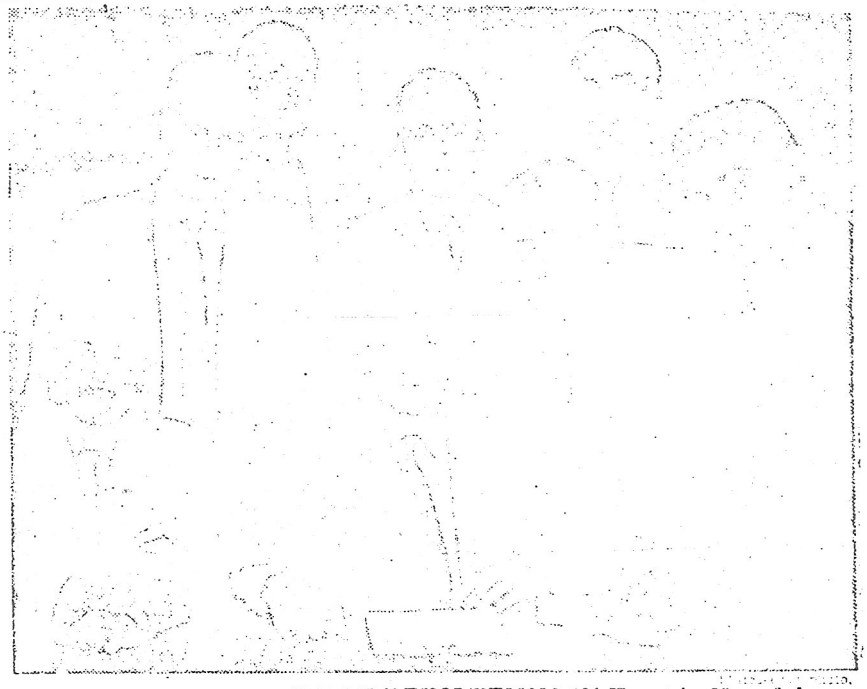

DELEGATES OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY Front in New Orleans include, front row from left, SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, CARLOS MARQUEZ, MANUEL F. QUESADA and FRANCISCO J. URIARTE. Standing, from left, LUIS BERNENDEZ, RAMON NODA, JORGE TABAFA and ORESTES RIENA.

Base Office Launches Anti-Castro Drive Here

By DAVE SNYDER

Outwardly, at least, there was nothing but a carefully lettered sign on the frosted-glass office door to show that anti-Castro revolutionists were organizing in New Orleans.

Inscribed on the door was the title, "Frente Revolucionario Democratico Cubano." Translated into English, this comes out Cuban Revolutionary Front.

The office itself, on the second floor of the Balter building, 833 Camp, was bare of furniture. A box of propaganda material and a typewriter stacked against one wall were about the only signs that the bearded Cuban's enemies had arrived.

Despite the apparently inauspicious beginning, Sergio Arcacha Smith, chief delegate in New Orleans of the Cuban Revolutionary Front (F. R. D.) had no doubts about the future.

Six Months

"We plan to be in Cuba in six months," he stated matter-of-factly. "We have," he added more quietly.

In the New Orleans office with Smith are Francisco J. Uriarte, who will work with university students on behalf of the organization, and Manuel E. Quesada, who came from Miami with Smith.

As for the office, furniture and a telephone were due to arrive today.

Does a counter-revolution against Castro have a chance of success?

Quotes Figures

For an answer, Smith quoted some figures.

Right now, he said, there is a force of 1000 resisting Castro in the Escambray mountains of Central Cuba.

Another 500,000 of Castro's enemies are outside the country and about 100,000 of them are in the Miami area, a scant 90 miles from the island stronghold, he noted.

But Smith, who attended Cuba's Belen college with Castro and remembers him as a "wild" sort of guy, said he is not a member of the military wing of his organization.

Instead he is more interested in passing on to the American people some facts about the Castro regime.

Communist Hold

The average American's knowledge is somewhat like his office, Smith believes, pretty bare.

As a matter of fact, Smith said the people of America are "sleeping" while Castro is training people from all over South America.

"We must impress on the people here that Castro has to be stopped in Cuba, not in the rest of Latin America." The Communists have created a strong hold only a few miles from the United States shore, he said.

Who is backing the F. R. D. movement?

Returned by Batista?

Anyone who cares about the welfare of Cuba, said Smith, officially not supporting the movement are followers of deposed President Batista.

"The organization has a slogan which means 'Life are attacked by Communists. We are attacked by the people of Batista. That is why we are sure we are right."

The F. R. D. is made up of five different organizations. Some members were once ardent Castro supporters and once fought for his ideals.

Others, like Smith, were disillusioned early and got out of the country.

Self Exiled

Smith received his master's degree at Columbia university in New York after graduating from Belen. He returned to Cuba and joined the diplomatic corps. A year after Batista took office, he exiled himself to Venezuela in diplomat.

He returned to Cuba briefly to support Castro, but soon left again. Smith has been working to overthrow Castro since that time.

Smith said the F. R. D. already has 50 members in New Orleans. Meetings are held about every month.

Finally, said Smith, he is here to tell the Americans the truth about what is going on in Cuba.

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Does a counter-revolution against Castro have a chance of success?

Cuban figures

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Cuban 1st Bell

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